

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. §121 between what she characterized as the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-16, 41-47 drawn to a transponder;
- II. Claims 17-36 drawn to memory;
- III. Claims 37-39 drawn to a method for determining temperature from a transponder utilizing a thermistor; and
- IV. Claim 40 drawn to a method for checking the integrity of a signal;

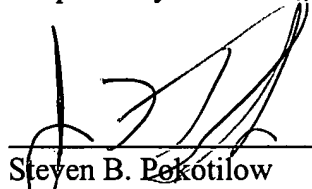
In response to the Examiner's requested election, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute Invention I, as recited by claims 1-16 and 41-47.

Applicants also submit that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Withdrawal of the Election Requirement and examination of claims 1-47 is respectfully requested.

No fee is deemed necessary by Applicants in connection with the filing of this Response. If any additional fee is required, however, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to deposit account No. 19-4709.

Respectfully submitted,

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